

CABINET

Thursday, 10 December 2020 (7:00 pm – 7:19 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor House (Chair); Councillors Airey, Campbell, Corben, Craig, Kyrle and Pretty

Also in attendance: Councillor Holes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bicknell

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155. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS (REQUIRING A DECISION)

156. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Issues

The Statement of Community Involvement (adopted 2015) shows how the Council will consult on planning matters. The Addendum highlights the measures in the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) that may not be achievable due to coronavirus restrictions. This is in accordance with updated Government guidance dated 13 May 2020 encouraging local planning authorities to review and update policies where necessary so that plan-making can continue. (paper 5)

Considerations

The Eastleigh Borough Local Plan is currently at the examination stage. One of the considerations in the examination is whether consultation was carried out in accordance with the SCI. In addition to clarifying specific requirements that may not be achievable.

**RESOLVED –**

**That Cabinet approve the adoption of the Addendum to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as set out in Appendix 1.**

157. EASTLEIGH HOMES STRATEGY

Issues

In its role as a developer, the Council will be guided by a set of key principles embedded in the strategy and will evaluate the Programme's performance against these. The strategy has no planning or policy status with regards to the Council's role as local planning authority. (paper 6)

Considerations

Since 2012 the Council has been working in partnership to deliver affordable and market rent homes in the Borough, and construction on schemes started in 2016. Cabinet approved a Corporate Strategy for Housing in 2018.

**RESOLVED –**

**That Cabinet note the attached Eastleigh Homes Delivery Strategy at Appendix 1 and endorses its use in guiding the Council's Housing Programme.**

158. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT - ANNUAL REPORT

Issues

Risk Management is a key element of the Council's operational and strategic functioning. (paper 7)

Consideration

During 2019/20 Corporate Risk Management was coordinated by the Strategic Planning Manager and monitored by the Strategic Risk Management Group (SRMG). In September 2020 this responsibility transferred to the Head of Internal Audit who is able to ensure congruence with the role of Internal Audit in providing independent assurance on risk, governance and control arrangements.

**RESOLVED –**

**That Cabinet:**

- (1) Considers the Annual Risk Management Report; and**
- (2) Approves the Risk Management Framework and Risk Appetite Statement.**

159. IMPROVING WASTE COLLECTIONS

Issues

Following the restart of food waste collections and the implementation of a waste collection pilot scheme on 9 November 2020, a number of improvements to the Council's waste and recycling services are proposed. These changes are necessary to meet the needs of a growing population,

improve the management of waste, access to recycling and service resilience, whilst meeting future demand and responding to emerging Government legislation. (paper 8)

Considerations

The Council's waste and recycling service was last reviewed in 2012 and has remained largely unchanged since. Whilst the borough has seen significant development and an increase in property numbers, investment in the waste service has remained largely unchanged which has meant increasing challenges for collection teams in completing allocated work in a timely manner and to the standard required. Impending changes to legislation, revised recycling targets and proposed changes to local recycling infrastructure mean that the council needs to review and invest in its waste and recycling services to ensure they are able to meet these future challenges and deliver the levels of service that the Council is widely recognised for.

**RESOLVED –**

**That Cabinet approves the proposals listed below, to be implemented on 1 March 2021:**

- (A) Increasing the frequency of kerbside glass and battery recycling from monthly to fortnightly;**
- (B) The adoption of a zonal approach to waste collections to drive operational efficiency, rather than a north/south split;**
- (C) Harmonising waste and recycling collection days for the convenience of residents;**
- (D) The separate weekly collection of food waste in low pollution vehicles to support the Council's Climate and Environmental Emergency Strategy; and**
- (E) The borough-wide collection of food waste from flats on a phased basis.**

160. EXEMPT BUSINESS

**RESOLVED -**

- (1) That, in pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and**

- (2) **That, in pursuance of the public interest test, the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the following item of business was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.**

161. COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT LOAN

Issues

To consider the COVID-19 Business Support Loan. (paper 10)

Considerations

The report sets out matters relating to a business support loan.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the recommendation in the report be approved.**

[NOTES: (A) Councillor Airey joined the meeting at 19:14. (B) Councillor Kyrle lost connection and was not present for this item. (C) Councillor Corben declared an interest and was not present for this item.]

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

162. MINUTES

**RESOLVED -**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 be agreed as a correct record.**

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Corben declared an interest in the COVID-19 Business Support Loan (paper 10) as his employer has a commercial interest.

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